

a model of public infrastructure and private sector management and financing. She also founded and directed Fundacion Oportunitas, a private organization that provides financing, technical and operational support to social development programs aimed at children in poverty. She has also sat on board of Siderurgica de Venezuela S.A., and is currently a member of the Venezuelan Chapter of the International Women's Forum.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Maria Corina Machado for her continued service to Venezuela. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual, and to continue to monitor the ongoing situation in Venezuela, and the tireless efforts of Ms. Machado.

31ST ANNUAL NATIONAL EYE DONOR MONTH—MARCH 2014

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor March 2014 as the 31st annual National Eye Donor Month, a month dedicated to recognizing the need for eye donations as well as honoring eye donors, corneal recipients and their families.

Corneal diseases hamper an individual's ability to see properly. Over time, eye diseases lead to vision impairment or, in the most severe of cases, total blindness. Unfortunately, due to higher medical expenses and lost hours of workforce productivity, eye disorders rank as the fifth costliest type of diseases in the United States.

Thankfully, since 1961 corneal transplants conducted by the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) have allowed over one million people to regain their vision—a success rate of more than 95%! In 2012 alone, 46,684 corneal transplants were performed.

Of the 97 EBAA eye banks, two—the Illinois Eye Bank—Chicago and Illinois Eye Bank—Watson-Gailey in Bloomington—are located in my home state. Because of their hard work, 2,632 corneal donations were made in Illinois in 2012.

One such individual I was made aware of is Caleb. When Caleb was 5 he was injured in an accident that caused him to lose sight out of his right eye. After working with an ophthalmologist, Caleb was able to undergo a corneal transplant that removed the traumatic cataract and restored sight to Caleb's right eye. According to Caleb's mom, "each new experience he encounters is special because someone had the courage to donate."

I encourage all Americans to register to become eye donors. Everyone is a universal corneal donor—regardless of age or blood type. Once registered as a corneal donor, one should notify their family of their wishes.

I also urge my colleagues to work with their local eye banks in order to promote the importance of eye donation.

During National Eye Donor Month all Americans should remember the sacrifices made by corneal donors and their families while also celebrating the gifts their sacrifices made to

thousands. Additionally, we should celebrate the work of the EBAA and its member banks as they continue to restore the sight of thousands more throughout the U.S.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. GAYLE GLENN

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Gayle Glenn for her outstanding service as the 2013–2014 president of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO). She completes her term as president of AAO in May of this year.

Born, raised, and educated in Texas, Dr. Glenn earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery at The Dental School at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and her Master of Science in Dentistry at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas. She began practicing orthodontics in Dallas in 1984 and, today, treats patients at her Dallas practice she shares with two fellow Baylor College alumni who are pediatric dentists. Dr. Glenn's practice focus is pediatric orthodontics. Her effective communication, kindness, and ability to put nervous patients at ease are some of what has contributed to her success treating children and adolescents.

Dr. Glenn has dedicated countless hours to enhancing orthodontics in Dallas, throughout Texas, and across the country over the course of her nearly 30-year career. She has promoted membership in organized dentistry and orthodontics and has helped to transform orthodontics from the perspective of women.

She was recently elected the 2013–2014 president of the AAO, the oldest and largest dental specialty organization in the world. Dr. Glenn is the first female to hold the position of AAO president in the organization's 113-year history.

Dr. Glenn is also a member and past president of the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists and the Texas Association of Orthodontists, and is a member of the American Dental Association, the Greater Dallas Association of Orthodontists, the Texas Orthodontic Study Club, the Texas Dental Association, the Dallas County Dental Society, and the American Association of Women Dentists.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in commending Dr. Glenn for her service to her patients, her state, to the orthodontic, dental, and medical communities, and, specifically for her service as the first woman president of the AAO.

HONORING UNDERWRITERS LAB- ORATORIES ON ITS 120TH ANNI- VERSARY

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor UL on their anniversary of "making

the world safer for 120 years." Based in Northbrook, Illinois, in the heart of the district I represent, and with more than 10,000 employees in 40 different countries, UL certifies, validates, tests, inspects, audits, advises and educates. Billions of products bear the universally recognized UL mark.

From humble beginnings in 1894, fire-testing non-combustible insulation materials, UL has grown to encompass seven distinct businesses that industries and governments around the world rely upon to enhance product safety and provide safer work places.

UL's has stayed true to its founding principle to "promote safe living and working environments" while achieving consistent growth through innovation and dedication to excellence. In 2013, UL evaluated over 20,000 types of products, produced by 70,000 manufacturers. UL supports approximately 1,500 published safety standards, and UL safety messages reach almost 700 million worldwide.

Through innovative testing, training, research, design, study and outreach, UL strives to make our world a little safer and give workers and families greater peace of mind.

UL works with stakeholders across an impressive breadth of industries, demonstrating the true extent of its reach in promoting and enhancing safety. I am proud that UL calls the Tenth District home and hope they continue to set the global standards for safety for another 120 years.

HONORING THE INCLUSION OF THE WORD "YOOPER" IN THE MERRIAM-WEBSTER DICTIONARY

HON. DAN BENISHEK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. BENISHEK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Steve Parks and proud "yoopers" everywhere. Mr. Parks' tireless efforts in Michigan's First Congressional District recently culminated in the addition of the word "yooper" to the Merriam-Webster dictionary. A "yooper" is a nickname for a native or resident of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Mr. Parks started the campaign to have the word added to the dictionary back in 2002, and his 12 years of writing to the editors finally paid off this week.

Being from the U.P., or Upper Peninsula, I am proud to share in the history that is "yooper." The U.P. has a rich history of mining and logging. It accounts for 29% of the landmass in the state of Michigan and is the only part of Michigan's First Congressional District that has coastline on three of the five Great Lakes. The beauty that is the U.P. can be found in the large number of state and national parks that make up the area, which is why many Michiganders have made it a vacation destination.

I want to thank Mr. Parks for his persistent efforts and local Upper Peninsula pride and congratulate him on having the word "yooper" officially added to the dictionary.

CONGRATULATING DR. FAY LOMAX COOK ON HER APPOINTMENT TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE DIRECTORATE FOR SOCIAL, BEHAVIORAL & ECONOMIC SCIENCES

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Fay Lomax Cook on being selected by the National Science Foundation to serve as the assistant director for the Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences. Dr. Cook will make an excellent addition to the National Science Foundation where she will help to promote the understanding of people and their lives by supporting research that reveals basic facets of human behavior and helps provide answers to important societal questions and problems.

Dr. Cook is a professor at Northwestern University, where she is a faculty fellow of the Institute for Policy Research and a professor of human development and social policy in the School of Education and Social Policy. From 1996 to 2012, she acted as the director of the Institute for Policy Research, one of America's leading centers of nonpartisan, interdisciplinary, policy-relevant research. Her research focuses on the interrelationships between public opinion and public policy, the politics of public policy, how Americans come together to discuss policy issues, and the dynamics of public support for Social Security and other social programs.

During her time at Northwestern University, Dr. Cook has published many scholarly articles in addition to authoring and co-authoring five books. While actively producing her original contributions to her field she has been the president of the Gerontological Society of America, a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, and a visiting scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the tremendous accomplishments of Dr. Fay Lomax Cook and to congratulate her on being selected to serve as the assistant director for NSF's Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences.

HONORING THE REV. CHARLES A. LETT, JR.

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy

of the Rev. Charles A. Lett, Jr., an Alabama native and exemplary public servant who passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2014. While we mourn the loss of this passionate man of faith, we are comforted in knowing that his lasting contributions to the state of Alabama and this nation will resonate for generations to come.

Those in my home state will remember Rev. Lett for his role as a timeless pillar in the Selma, Alabama community. As one of our most visible figures, this man of God was a constant source of wisdom and guidance to those he served. Throughout the duration of his extraordinary life, he was forever guided by his faith and his call to ministry.

Rev. Lett was born on September 25, 1914 in Florida to Charles A. Lett Sr. and Mrs. Elizabeth Lett. He was the couple's eighth child and was affectionately known as "Little Charlie." He answered his call into ministry at an early age and went on to attend Selma University where he later earned a Doctorate of Divinity as he continued to grow in his faith and the word of God. He also obtained a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Divinity and a Doctor of Law at Selma University.

Rev. Lett was also a dynamic educator. He earned his teaching certificate from the Alabama State Teachers College before launching a successful career with Baldwin County schools that would span ten years. During that time, he also served as principal of Douglasville High School in Bay Minette, Alabama. He later taught at his beloved Alma Mater, Selma University and was eventually named chairman of the school's board of trustees. He was also a past member and president of the Selma City School Board.

Rev. Lett never relinquished his passion for ministry. Over the course of his influential lifetime, Rev. Lett served as pastor to churches in Baldwin, Monroe and Escambia counties before his journey led him to Green Street Baptist Church in Selma. At the time of his death, he was Pastor Emeritus of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Selma where he spent many years growing and nurturing his congregation and his lifelong ministry. His commitment to faith and service allowed him to ascend to various leadership positions. He served as president of the Southwest District State Convention for more than 48 years and was past executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Beyond the walls of the church, Rev. Lett contributed greatly to his community through his work as chaplain of the Selma City Council, president of the Selma Interracial Alliance, and a lifetime member of the local chapter of the NAACP. Rev. Lett was also a member of the board of directors and vice president of Citizens Federal Bank in Birmingham, Alabama.

As we honor this American hero we are reminded of the indelible mark he has left on this nation. We pay homage to his legacy by

saluting his notable contributions. This trailblazer taught us that leadership through faith and service can leave a lasting impact. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life and legacy of the Rev. Charles A. Lett, Jr.

A TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH GARO—
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Elizabeth Garo of Echo Park.

For more than two decades, Elizabeth Garo has worked both inside and outside of the music industry. Her love, curiosity and interest in music have been a focus throughout her career, where she has held positions as a band manager and tour manager. Since 2002, she has been a Senior Talent Buyer for the venues Echo and Echoplex in Echo Park and Spaceland Presents. Ms. Garo also curates the music programming for the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County's First Fridays series, the Getty Center's Saturdays Off the 405 Series and is part of the booking team for the Santa Monica Pier's Twilight Concerts series.

In 2008, Elizabeth and her business partner opened Stories Books and Café in Echo Park, where they sell new, used and rare books. Since then, it has become a central gathering spot for the Echo Park community. In addition to literature and fiction, they have strong sections in music, poetry, non-fiction and astrology. They also hold launch parties for small literary publications, storytelling events every month, and showcase art by local artists.

In 2011, Elizabeth and others started the neighborhood festival, Echo Park Rising. Echo Park Rising is launching its fourth year with a strong sense of celebrating the Echo Park neighborhood, its people, music, art and small businesses. Ms. Garo is a member of the Echo Park Chamber of Commerce, and also serves on the Board for Dublab, which is a non-profit web radio collective, devoted to the growth of positive music, culture and arts.

I ask all Members to join me in honoring an exceptional woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Elizabeth Garo.